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In re Application of:

JAY E. WIDMAN

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**Title: "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 TO
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action, mailed April 10, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of these amendments and the remarks below.